

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022
IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to Order:

Supervisor Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Jeff Shaw, Connie Preston, Jim O'Rourke, Deborah Allen, Terry Lautner, Dave Darga, and Chris Mikowski

Excused: None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None

Public Comment

None

Consent Calendar:

Department Reports:

Treasurer

Planning/Zoning

Harbormaster

Committee Reports:

Parks & Rec

6-13-22

Minutes:

7-11-22

Post Audit Invoices 7-13-22 through 7-31-22

MOTION BY TRUSTEE O'ROURKE, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLEN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda Approval

MOTION BY TRUSTEE DARGA, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ALLEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED BY ADDING 8F, RECYCLING. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Supervisor Remarks

Supervisor Shaw submitted a written report and added that Discovery Pier did not receive the 2% grant from the Grand Traverse Band.

Trustee Remarks

Trustee O'Rourke stated that the Fire Department did a great job on a grassfire. Trustee Allen mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be holding a presentation Wednesday night on parks and public spaces and would like to hear people's thoughts.

Engineer's Report

None

Other Officer Remarks

None

Communications from the Clerk

Clerk Preston stated that the election went very well and the Township had a 42% turnout.

Recycling

There has been concern raised regarding the scrap metal pile behind the old fire station. Township employees collect scrap metal and then load it into the Township truck to take to the scrap metal recycling. The money is then given to the Fire Department. Employees have also been collecting pop cans for returning also for the Fire Department. The concern is with liability while hauling the metal and also that we are encouraging residents to drop off materials at the recycle center that should not be left there. The County is trying to discourage people dropping off items that cannot be recycled. MOTION BY TRUSTEE DARGA, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE O'ROURKE TO CEASE THE RECYCLING METAL AND POP CANS BY TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**Point Broadband Application**

Point Broadband submitted to the Township an Application for Access to and Ongoing Use of Public Ways by Telecommunications Providers. This is the company that Leelanau County has contracted with to expand broadband to the entire county. The Township attorney has reviewed that application and supplied a resolution to approve the permit. MOTION BY TRUSTEE LAUTNER, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE DARGA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 9 OF 2022 APPROVING THE PERMIT. The motion passed 7-0 by a roll call vote.

Special Assessment Shortfalls/Budget Amendment Resolution

Clerk Preston explained that the three, road construction special assessment districts failed to collect enough money to pay the bonds. The shortfall is \$74,503.00. The bond counsel for the special assessment districts confirmed that the Township pledged the full faith and credit of the Township to pay these bonds so the shortfall will have to come from the general fund. It appears that the shortfall is between the interest billed to the property owners and the interest paid on the bonds. Many people prepaid and we were not earning enough interest in the bank accounts. The cashflow figures were projected by financial consultants. The Board would like to know if the professionals bear any responsibility for the situation. Clerk Preston will speak to our own Township Attorney regarding that. MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE O'ROURKE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 10 OF 2022, A BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION. The motion passed 7-0 by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Tampa thanked the Township residents for approving the millage request. Trustee Allen wished that it be noted that there is concern in her neighborhood about drone operators not following rules.

Adjournment

Supervisor Shaw adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.